MOR. The lives of all your loving complices
Lean on your health ; the which, if you give o'er
To stormy passion, must perforce decay.
You cast the event of war[8], my noble lord,
And summ'd the account of chance, before you said,—
Let us make head. It was your presurmise,
That, in the dole of blows[9] your son might drop :
You knew, he walk'd o'er perils, on an edge,
More likely to fall in, than to get o'er[3]:
You were advis'd, his flesh was capable[2]

[8] You cast the event of war, &c.] The fourteen lines, from hence to Bardolph's next speech, are not to be found in the first editions, till that in the folio of 1623. A very great number of other lines in this play were inserted after the first edition in like manner, but of such spirit and mastery generally, that the insertions are plainly by Shakspeare himself. POPE.

To this note I have nothing to add, but that the editor speaks of more editions than I believe him to have seen, there having been but one edition yet discovered by me that precedes the first folio. JOHNSON.

Dr. Johnson was perhaps not altogether correct. See the Preliminary Remarks. Bo SWELL.

[9] — in the DOLE of blows —] The *dole* of blows is the *distribution* of blows. *Dole* originally signified the portion of *alms* (consisting either of meat or money) that was given away at the door of a nobleman. STEEVENS.

See vol. xvi, p. 248, n. 1. MALONE.

[1] You knew, he walk'd o'er perils, on an edge,
More likely to fall in, than to get o'er :] So, in King Henry IV. Part I.:

"As full of peril and adventurous spirit,
As to o'er-walk a current roaring loud,
On the unsteadfast footing of a spear."

MALONE.

[2] You were ADVIS'D, his flesh was capable —] i. e. you knew.
So, in The Two Gentlemen of Verona :

"How shall I doat on her with more *advice*—."

i. e. on further knowledge. MALONE.

Thus also, Thomas Twyne, the continuator of Phaer's translation of Virgil, 1584, for *hand insdus*, has *admsld* :

"He spake : and straight the sword *advisde* into his throat
receives." STEEVENS.

It is still used in mercantile correspondence.
TALBOT.